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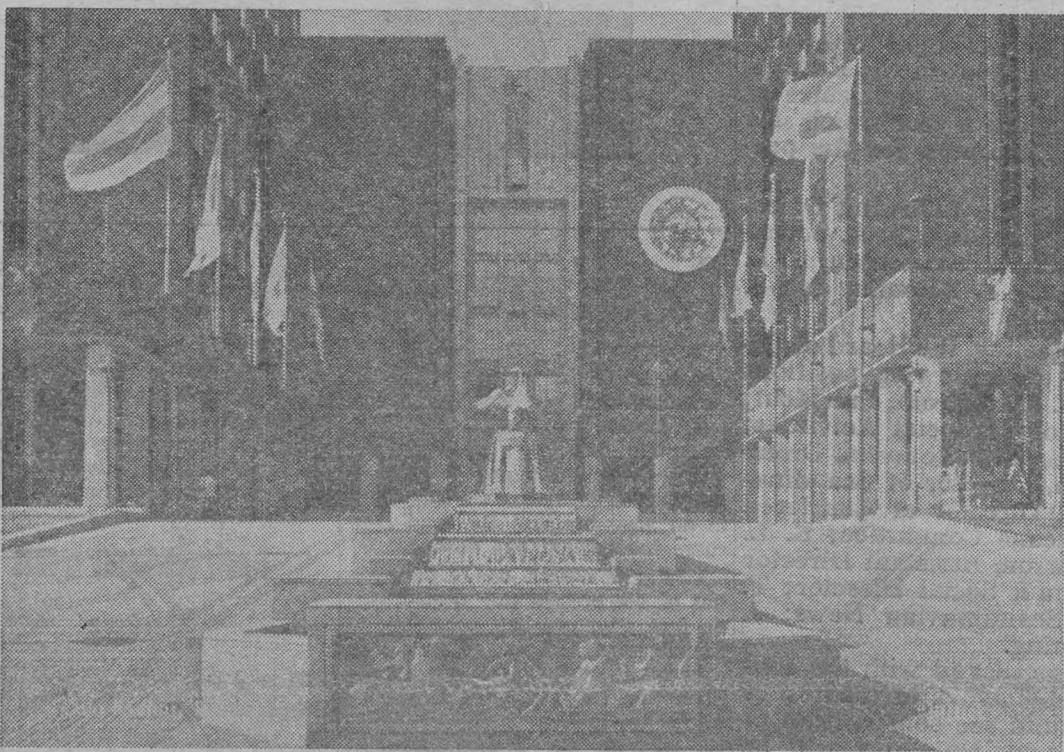
ARCHITECTURE REFLECTS SPIRIT OF NORWAY

Buildings are like mirrors, they reflect the community or nation, the spirit of its people, free or confined. The people of Norway have for generations endowed their country with an abundance of artistic wealth; it is as much a part of them as eating. It is true in their buildings of recent times they have followed the present trend to modernize to some extent, but modernism has not cast a total eclipse there. They still have their sky of blue where the sun shines on the artist who is imaginative, creative and naturalistic.

Oslo City Hall is distinctly 'Norwegian'. It is a romantic design built in a cold and rational age. It was in 1915 when Mr. H. Heyerdahl Mayor of Norway at that time, submitted a proposal for such a building. He had already collected more than 1 million kroner in private contributions and was soon to add another three-quarter million. King Haakon VII and Queen Maud were among the subscribers. The plan won unanimous acclaim. A competition was arranged among Norwegian Architects with the aim of securing plans and ideas for the new City Hall and its environs. The winning entry was submitted by Mr. Arnstein Arneberg and Mr. Magnus Paulson, two men-imaginative, creative and knowledgeable in their field-and in 1920 they were given the task of building the City Hall. It was to have been completed by 1924 but problems of various kinds arose. The foundation stone was finally laid September 4, 1931. Work progressed from then on until 1940 when Norway was occupied by German troops. The war interrupted all building until 1945 when normal work was again resumed and the City Hall quickly took shape and was soon occupied. In 1950 the building was inaugurated on the occasion of the Capital's 900th Anniversary.

ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK IMPORTANT FEATURE

The City Hall is built of reinforced concrete faced with hand-made brick from the Municipal brick-works. The bricks are the large size



which was in favor during the middle ages. Different kinds of Norwegian stone have been used for the detailed ornamentation. The Hall boasts twin towers, on the north facade, facing Fridtjof Nansens Plass, is the great astronomical clock, and on the top of the east tower, which is the highest of the towers, is a carillon of 38 bells which play a tune every hour. The hours are struck by the two big bells which are coupled to the tower clock. The astronomical clock has a diameter of 5 meters. On its outer circumference it shows the hour of the day. Inside this there is an astronomical circle with figures 1 metre high, showing astronomical time. The clock also shows the date and has several astronomical features and has a total of five hands. Ever since the middle ages it has been the custom to mount this type

Our thanks to the following people who have made recent donations to this paper: Otto Myrthue; Grethe Nielsen; A. Oberg; Mrs. C. K. French, Hanna; Mrs. Harriet Nylén, Winfield; and S. J. Thorkelson, Arnes, Man.

Solglyt Glimpses

Mr. Eric Dinesen moved to a new place of residence shortly before Christmas. His new address is 8843-161 St. Phone 489-0372.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loughlin on Jan. 22, a son, Donald Edward Keith, at the General Hospital. A grandson for Alice Loughlin.

Mr. G. Algot is back home after a five-week stay in hospital. He informed me that he is feeling much better and said he appreciated the gift and flowers sent to him. He also enjoyed his many visitors.

Mr. K. Amdam spent a few days in the Royal Alexander Hospital recently for treatment on his neck.

DID YOU KNOW!

Solglyt Lodge will celebrate its 50th anniversary in April. Watch for date in next issue.

of clock on Cathedrals and City Halls.

ART IN ABUNDANCE

Inside the great Main Hall are the art works of some Norway's leading artists and sculptors. Here can be seen the world's largest monumental painting, 85 ft. by 43 ft. done by Henrik Sorenson. This is an oil painting done on wooden boards which have been fitted together. There are also Frescos by Per Krohg (he was commissioned to paint the large mural which dominates the Security Council Chamber of the United Nations in New York.) Other Frescos were done by Alex Revold, Alf Rolfsen, paintings by Edvard Munch, Reidar Aulie and others. Sculptures are by Anne Grimdalen, Joseph Grimeland, to name a few, and wooden bas-reliefs around the courtyard walls with scenes from Norse Mythology, the work of Dagfin Werenskiold. In the Banquet Hall is Agnes Hiorth's portrait of King Haakon VII and an oil painting by Willie Midelfart portraying open air life by the Oslo Fjord. In the East Gallery are Per Krohg's decorations showing the mutual dependence of town and country. Aage Storstein's mural in the West Gallery shows how the Torch of Freedom, lit by the French Revolution in 1789, threw light over the Human Rights and in 1814 reached Norway to awaken the land from its winter night's sleep to a new national and political independence. This anniversary is celebrated with the annual Children's Parade in Oslo on the 17 of May, Independence Day. The City Hall is situated by Oslo Fjord and stands as a monument to past and present.

Perhaps some might decide this

YOUNG PEOPLE TO OFFICIATE

VASA LODGE — Skandia held their Feb. 2nd meeting in the IOOF Temple. The Charter was draped in memory of Therese Marie Modin.

John Bergstrom, formerly of Lodge Norden No. 513, Meeting Creek, transferred to Skandia Lodge.

Sick Committee: Willard Modin, Chairman; Ed Bergquist, Julius Hober, Milda Backstrom, Emma Krag and Jean Anderson.

Land Committee: Pres., Sig Johnson, Sec., Willard Modin; Treas., Eric Pierre, Erling Markstrom, Oscar Pearson, Bud Holmgren, Ragnar Roos, Bert Watson and Roy Samuelson.

Ladies Rep: Scandinavian Centre Elsie Simmons, Davida Ogren.

Rep. to Scandinavian Centre: Eric Pierre, Ed Bergquist, Margaret Eliasson.

Visiting Committee: Ed and Ruth Bergquist, Andy and Ivy Ogren.

Investigating Committee: Eric & Margaret Engvall, Gus and Helga Johnson, Julius and Pearl Hober.

The young people of the Lodge will officiate at the March meeting. The annual Pot Luck Supper will be held on March 24th in the IOOF Temple. Skandia received an electric can opener as a prize for ticket selling for Scandapades. A lovely lunch was served after the meeting

combination is a bit extravagant, and not conducive to governmental duties. On the other hand it may serve as a reminder to the governing body that its citizens have a spirit that must be free.

Finnish Society News

Our sincerest thanks to all our Finnish friends for the lovely house warming party and the gift that you gave us. Many, many thanks.
Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hook.

The next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Honka, 10460-147 Street, on March 25. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. Rama wishes to thank all the Finnish ladies who helped to serve coffee at the 9th Annual Scandinavian Night on the evening of January 19, 1963.

Mrs. E. N. Tikkanen of Rich Lake, Alberta visited her relatives in the city recently.

Probably by the time you read this column, the annual Finnish Fish Derby will have been held and the winners declared. The date of the contest, March 3, and the place, Lac St. Anne, West Cove. The winners names will be announced in the next issue.

and dancing followed to the music of Carl Elgstrands orchestra. We certainly would like to see more members and friends attending our dances, so lets see a large crowd in attendance in March. Next meeting will be on March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the IOOF Temple.

Joke-Of The Month

A young mother, entertaining her bridge club on April 1 was interrupted by her small daughter who exclaimed:

"Mama. There is a strange man in the kitchen and he has the maid in a corner, hugging her."

"Good heavens," cried the hostess, jumping up from the table.

"Don't go Mother!" laughed the littel girl. "April Fool. It's not a stranger at all . . . it's only Daddy."

Bikuben Enjoys Bingo

"BIKUBEN" will meet again on the third Monday of the month, March 18, at 8 p.m. 10029-85 Avenue. Hope to see many turn out this time; we were not very many at our February meeting. Those attending had a good time, enjoying a game of bingo before we had our coffee.

Students of architecture at the Norwegian Industrial Arts School, Oslo, have received a unique assignment, to build a reinforced snow auditorium, with fireplace, grill and bar, for 50 persons.

Mr. & Mrs. Johannessen Judge At Masquerade

"Dania's" yearly masquerade party took place on Feb. 15 at the South Side Legion Hall and thanks to all you good sports, who came dressed in costumes, it turned out to be a real success. It is always a pleasure to make such arrangements and have you, our members, respond as you did in this case. Thank you all! Your Board of Directors have

only one regret and that is that we could not give all of you a prize for your effort. The Norwegian Counsel, Mr. Arne Johannessen, and Mrs. Johannessen, who so kindly had consented to act as judges, would have liked to have had at least 25 prizes to give away. May we take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to you, Mr. and Mrs. Johannessen, for coming. It was very plea-

sant to see quite a number of our Norwegian friends attending the party; we even had a Swedish lady take home a prize. We sincerely hope you all enjoyed your evening with us, and that you will come again.

By the way, our next party will be on Friday, March 15 from 9 to 1 a.m. at the South Side Legion Hall.

Come one, come all — everybody welcome.

Membership Clarified

Lately there has been some discussion about "How many are entitled to use a Membership Card?"

To make it clear to our Members, we hereby state that a Membership Card in "DANIA" is valid from November 1st to October 31st and is good for man and wife or man and a girlfriend only, and no other member of a family.

Hope this clarifies everything regarding Membership.

Know Your Canada

"Know Your Canada" for 1963 Series began Sunday, Feb. 17. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Gordon V. Rasmussen, Vice-President of the Citizenship Council, the Series this year will be based on the theme "Discrimination", and this subject will be discussed from many viewpoints. The next meetings will be March 3, March 17, and March 31—a nice way to spend your Sunday afternoon. Watch the Edmonton Journal for time and place.

EDITORIAL

A LOOK AHEAD

By K. L. SVIDAL

Follow the Annual Meeting of the Scandinavian Centre, which was held on February 12, 1963 promises to be another outstanding year for the Centre. The Directors' report, which was presented to the meeting, was enthusiastically received by the shareholders assembled.

1962 for the Scandinavian Centre was an outstanding year. It was during 1962 that Chartered Flights became a major contribution by the Centre to the Edmonton Scandinavian community. It was a year of continued banner-line share selling. 1962 was a year when the Scandinavian News operated at a small deficit than previously, with a marked upward trend towards a better and improved newspaper carrying its own weight. 1962 saw the largest and most profitable Annual Scandinavian Night in the history of the Scandinavian Centre. Our float in the Edmonton Exhibition Parade won the honour for the Centre of the best non-commercial entry. 1962 was a year which saw the negotiations with the City of Edmonton for the purchase of land come into fruition.

At the Annual General Meeting, the following Directors were elected: H. Markstrom, Don Shaw, S. A. Sorenson, S. J. Johnson, P. N. Christensen, H. Kristensen, K. L. Svidal, G. A. Larson, H. A. Hansen, T. Salomaa and J. Rama.

As a follow-up to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors met on February 19, and the following positions were assumed by the Directors: H. Markstrom, President; Don Shaw, Vice-President, Director of Social Activities; S. A. Sorenson, Secretary-Treasurer; S. J. Johnson, Director of Planning; P. N. Christensen, Director of Scandinavian Centre News; H. Kristensen, Director of Chartered Flights, Director of Ways and Means Committee; K. L. Svidal, Director-at-large; G. A. Larson, Assistant Director of Planning; H. A. Hansen, Assistant Social Director; T. Salomaa, Assistant Director of Scandinavian News; J. Rama, Assistant Director of Planning.

Under the guidance of your Board and with the continued full co-operation of shareholders and friends of the Scandinavian Centre, 1963 should see construction of the Centre, our most important goal. No effort will be spared to make 1963, which is, incidentally, the 10th anniversary year, a truly jubilant one. During 1963 there will be a necessity for more share capital to be invested to make our objective of a fine Centre building a sound financial reality. You who are now shareholders we know will co-operate by lending further financial support, and we know that you will also encourage many of your friends who, for one reason or another, have not become a part of the Scandinavian Centre, to do so during this year.

The Scandinavian Centre will continue flights to Scandinavia. The flight for June 30 is already full; the flight planned to leave August 6th is partially booked, and plans for a Christmas flight have already been presented.

With the continued enthusiasm of all, the Scandinavian Centre can go but one way — and that is forward — to become one of Canada's finest examples of co-operation. As evidence of this will be our many worthwhile accomplishments, the greatest of which will be a fine building.

Skandia Gleanings

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benstrom are the proud parents of a baby boy, named Per William, born on Nov. 1, 1962.

Miss Sheila Ogren has been in Edmonton visiting her parents and friends for a short holiday.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Martha Dahl, Bill McMaster, Betty Pearson and Helen Riley.

Swedish Consul at Calgary, Gunnar Swalander, was recently visiting in Edmonton and addressed members of the United Nations Association, Edmonton Branch, regarding Sweden and Swedish neutrality.

A Whist Drive will be held in Westwood Community Hall on March 20 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please bring your friends for an enjoyable evening.

Vasa members who attended the annual Shareholders Meeting in the Devlin Banquet Room, had a very pleasant evening and enjoyed the change of atmosphere and pleasant surroundings.

The Drill Team will have their an-

nual booth at the Market Square for the entire day of March 23. There will be a sale of home baking, lunch and coffee.

Hansine Pierre and Emma Krag were welcomed by members of Strindberg Lodge, Winnipeg, which they visited in January, and were in attendance for the Lodge's Installation of Officers. Greetings were sent to all Vasa Lodge members.

Mrs. Bill Law, mother of Leona Sund, is holidaying in Hawaii.

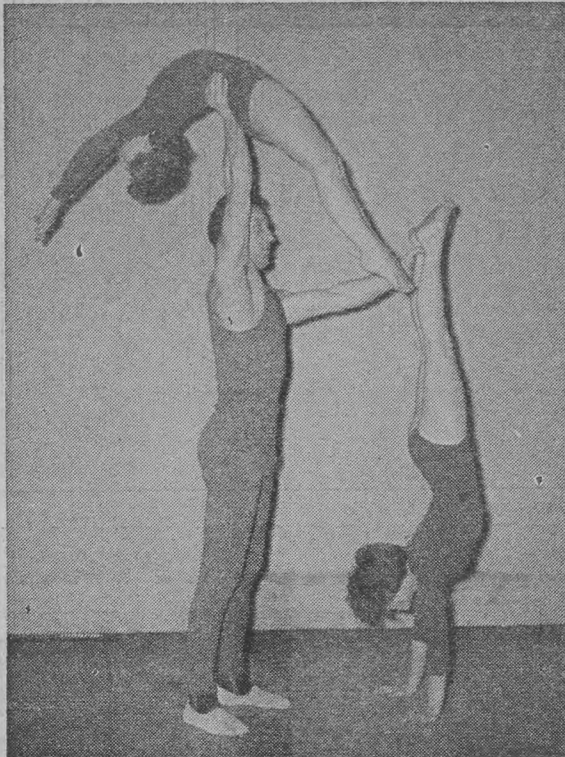
Monica Ragby, 20, of Stockholm, Sweden, won the "Miss United Nations" Title from 20 other countries. She received a \$2,000 cheque for first prize.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Vasa Ladies Meeting will be held on March 16 at 8 p.m. at Alma Samuelson's, 12223 - 115th Avenue.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The children have been busy practising for the Spring Concert, which will be held on April 21. They have been very enthusiastic about their Swedish lessons and their teacher, Inga Lindstrom, reports very good progress. The next meeting will be on March 17 at 2 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple.



CARSTEN CARLSEN performs at Annual Scandinavian Night.

Copenhagen—An Off-Season Pearl

MONTREAL — How would you like to be in the position of a businessman—shall we say in Anchorage, Alaska, contemplating a business trip to New York and then change your mind and fly instead to Copenhagen, return via New York to do your business there and then come back home and save \$30.00?

This is, of course, one of the oddities of the present day trans-Atlantic fare structure but, according to Scandinavian Airlines System's fare experts, it is fully possible to do. The roundtrip first class trip from Anchorage to New York costs \$619.00, whereas the 17-day excursion rate from Anchorage to Copenhagen and back via New York is only \$588.30. The saving is \$30.70. Our businessman can even take the two-day, one-night Copenhagen package which is currently being promoted by SAS as an off-season feature and which includes cab transportation from City Air Terminal to a first-class hotel, overnight accommodation and dinner at the hotel. On the second day, breakfast is served in the hotel and a Copenhagen tour, which operates all year around, is offered. The tour covers virtually the whole of Copenhagen and includes the changing of the Guard at Amalienborg Palace, several old churches and other points of interest. This all-inclusive, very attractive package deal costs \$15.00, so our businessman still has another \$15 for souvenir shopping at Kastrup International Airport's duty-free shop.

It is an attractive proposition—for the price of New York get Europe free.

Copenhagen offers a lot of bonuses to the traveller who visits the gay Scandinavian capital during the winter months. There is probably more nightlife in Copenhagen than any other European city of equal size between October and April. About 32 night clubs, all with glittering international shows, allure visitors to seek sophisticated gaieties until 5 a.m. The world-famous Royal Danish Ballet performs nightly and the tickets go for \$3 a piece and simultaneously one can pick his choice of a variety of concerts and theatrical performances.

"Canadians are discovering the pleasures of a winter vacation", notes a Scandinavian Airlines System spokesman. A good indication of that is the fact that the traditional off-season used to be from early October until the beginning of May. Now it can be shortened to be between early November and early March. The brand-new Royal Hotel of Copenhagen reports that in November it was run at about 80% of the capacity.

Most Canadians are still under the impression that all of Scandinavia during the winter months is an area

of desolation with snow piled high and blizzards raging across the countries. Actually, the temperatures in Copenhagen compare favorably with many other cities on the Continent and, in effect, resemble those of Toronto or New York.

Nordstjarnan Notes

Open house was held at Harry Holmlund's home on Dec. 23, being Mr. and Mrs. Axel Holmlund's Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Friends and relatives from far and near gathered to bring them best wishes on the memorable day. The Lodge also joins in wishing them many more years of health and happiness.

Our sympathy goes to Ruth Holmlund in the loss of her husband, Dec. 31. Adolph Holmlund was a Charter member of the Lodge, always took a keen interest in its activities & had the position as treasurer for 24 years.

Our sympathy is also extended to the J. Remin Family in the passing of Mrs. Remin's father; and to the G. Sjogren family in the passing of Mrs. Sjogren's father; and to H. Holmlund's family, in the passing of Mrs. Holmlund's father.

On Jan. 19 the Lodge had a very enjoyable Christmas Party for its members and their families. A program of songs and recitations by the children, the main one being "Vasa Hillbillies". Dancing around the Christmas tree by both young and old, then lunch, concluded the evening.

The February meeting was held at Harry Holmlund's. Nine new members were voted on. It was decided to ask the Skandia Drill Team if they would assist in the initiation ceremonies at Lone Ridge Hall on March 9.

Feb. 13 was a very exciting day at Usona Curling Rink when the Lodge members had a day of curling. Ten rinks were entered. The winner of the Trophy was the rink skipped by Gordon Krause.

Congratulations and best wishes from this Lodge is extended to Medicine Hat in the organization of a new Lodge in that area on Feb. 23.

The March meeting of the Lodge will be held at Ruth Holmlund's March 2 at 8 p.m.

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Icelandic Society Notes

Mrs. Hjalmar Bjornson of Minneapolis was a recent visitor to our fair city. Mrs. Bjornson, the former Ella Jonason, was widely entertained during her stay here. She was the guest of her brother Professor J. C. Jonason, Mrs. Jonason and family, and also visited with her sister Mrs. C. Holtsbaum.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To all those born in the month of March and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson. Tommy celebrates his birthday March 22nd, and Gertrude on March 27th.

"May each hour of your Birthday sparkle
With happiness and cheer,
And may it be the beginning
Of a perfectly wonderful year."

We would like to remind you that membership dues for the Edmonton Icelandic Society for 1963 are now due. The cost is \$1.00 for a single person and \$2.00 for married couples. This entitles you to receive the Scandinavian Centre News as well as to attend various functions. Please call our membership chairman Jack Henrikson at 469-2791. He will arrange to have someone in your area drop over to pick up your dues.

THANK YOU LADIES

As convener for the Icelandic Society Mrs. Margret Cameron wishes to thank all the ladies who helped so willingly serve refreshments at Scandinavian Nite.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bill Halldorson on his recent promotion to the position of manager of the Edmonton branch of his Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd.

Members of the Edmonton Icelandic Society were saddened to hear of the recent death of Miss Margret Skayford. A former resident of Winnipeg, Miss Skayford had lived in Edmonton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garnett, for a number of years. Among those attending the funeral were her brother from Winnipeg and Mrs. Edna Garnett from Sooke, B.C.

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Medical Co-Operation For Comprehensive Outpatient Care

A plan offering the Swedish people greater possibilities of personal medical care and specialized treatment, besides those already existing under the general health insurance system, has been presented to the government by the Swedish Medical Association.

The outpatient care will, according to the plan, be greatly improved and expanded by a network of privately managed "medical houses" or centers outside the large metropolitan areas which already have such health stations. To begin with, some forty centers will be established during the next seven or eight years, from the southernmost part of the country to the far north. All will be placed in cities that are easily accessible. In 1970 the net of outpatient centers should cover about 75 per cent of Sweden's population.

Each center, when completed, will have general practitioners and specialists of eight different types, representing internal medicine, surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, etc. There will also be an X-ray department, a laboratory, facilities for medical gymnastic treatment, etc. Thanks to the teamwork of the doctors and their assistants and the modern equipment, patients will be spared long waiting hours and obtain full diagnostic investigation. Emergency cases will be admitted throughout the night. Home visits will be made and home care offered, in part by cooperation with other physicians and institutions.

Sweden's First "Medical House"
Established in 1956 near Stockholm.

The centers will be built and equipped by the Swedish Medical Association, in cooperation with two associated firms, Medical Houses, Inc., and Medical Service, Inc. Sweden's first medical house will be used as a model. It was opened in 1956 in Vallingby, one of Stockholm's "satellite cities," and has become very successful. While in this case the initiative was private, other outpatient centers of the same type in the Stockholm area have been established by cooperation between the Swedish Medical Association and the municipal authorities. Patients as well as physicians appreciate the efficiency and the quiet atmosphere of the new health stations.

In the opinion of the Swedish Medical Association, the plan now presented offers the best possibilities of improving the standards of medical care throughout Sweden and easing the pressure on the hospitals. The general health insurance should,

therefore, be revised, so that in the case of private outpatient care the costs will be covered to the same extent as at the hospitals.

Swedish taxpayers, too, are likely to benefit from the new scheme. The privately run outpatient centers, where the doctors pay rents, will be able to handle many cases which now go to the hospitals, and as the net is being extended there will be less need for public investment in medical-care facilities. Most of the hospitals in Sweden are run by provincial or local authorities.

Compulsory Health Insurance Combined with Large Measure of Freedom.

In Sweden health has long been considered a matter of public concern to a very high degree, and consequently health care is provided on the basis of need rather than of the individual's ability to pay. Completely socialized medicine, however, has not been introduced, despite the scheme of general or compulsory health insurance that has been in effect since the beginning of 1955. The Swedish system in health matters may, in fact, be described as a combination of extensive public activities and private enterprise, including voluntary cooperation. Many doctors are engaged only in private practice, while others combine such work and some public employment.

The health insurance scheme provides free care in hospital wards, substantial refunds on private doctors' bills and prescriptions, and the payment of daily sickness benefits. All mothers receive free maternity and delivery care, unless they are prepared to shoulder special costs. There are no limitations on a patient's choice of physicians, and private practitioners may charge any fee they wish. Patients, on the other hand, are reimbursed by the sickness funds according to certain standard rates.

Of the costs for the general health insurance, approximately one-half is covered by individual premium payments, one-fourth by employer contributions, and one-fourth by the government, that is, the taxpayers.

Consumer credits under installment agreements in Sweden are estimated at somewhat more than 2,000 million kronor, or 270 kronor (about \$52) per person. While the per capita figure is far below that of the United States, it probably means that Sweden tops the European countries, with Britain as second. If the installment trade is seen in relation to the gross national product, the proportion for the U.S. is eight per cent, for Britain 3.8 and for Sweden 2.5 per cent, according to a Swedish survey. Of the Swedish total, motorcars account for 43 per cent. Some 70 per cent such purchases are made on an installment basis. A Swedish organization known as Kreditregister, or Credit Register, has about two million people on file and keeps records of all abuse of installment buying. More than 3,000 department stores and other retailers, banks, etc. are members.

The extension division of Sweden's youngest university, that of Gothenburg, has introduced conversation lessons in English over the telephone for students who are short of time. The method is still on the experimental level. Four native English teachers are giving fifteen students 20-minute conversation lessons about twice a week. A chapter in a book or an article in a newspaper, agreed on in advance, forms the basis of ten lessons, and the teacher corrects, criticizes and encourages the student as if they were sitting face to face. At the end of the fall semester the teachers will make an appraisal of the effectiveness of the method.

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SONS OF NORWAY ADDS TO VARIETY

Members of Sons of Norway certainly helped to put variety in Scandapades this year. Among the passengers on the plane was a certain vagabond. As he descended the steps the ground spilled away and he took

a nose dive (forgot his parachute). He came back up again though, as full of bounce as a balloon full of air. He proceeded on his own "invite" to join the "Bonde" orchestra. He was none other than Joe Lineham. The other orchestra members were Gil Erickson, Wally Happner, Carl Elgstrand and Irene Hovde. Irene was the vocalist singing Norwegian numbers. Mr. S. Arneberg and Clara Hopland performed a Norwegian dance. Jimmy MacDonald and his sister Crystal sang "Strange Music" from Greig's Song of Norway, and Mrs. M. MacDonald presented "Guri" in monologue. With all this talent on board the passengers no doubt enjoyed a musical ride over the sky-ways.

Legal abortions in Sweden have decreased considerably during the last 10-15 years. Last year the total was 2,050, compared with a peak of about 6,000 in 1951. The great majority of women seeking abortion are married. Today about one-half of the requests are granted. The law legalizing abortions was introduced in 1938, after comprehensive studies, and amended in 1946. The amendment, which permits abortion for combined medical and social reasons, is the only part of the legislation which remains somewhat controversial. Last year it was applied in 182 cases, against 736 in 1951. Medical authorities believe that the number of illegal abortions also has decreased considerably. The proportion of children born out of wedlock is declining.

The experimental boiling heavy water reactor at Halden, Norway, only one of its kind in the world, was recently stepped up to 15,000 kw. Soon, the output will reach the

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Hans Kristensen Wins For Lodge

Sons of Norway held their General meeting on Friday night, February 15 at the Masonic Temple. Fourth District Councillor, Mr. K. Svidal, presented President P. Sather with an Electric Can Opener, which was won by Hans Kristensen for the Lodge, on ticket sales to Scandapades. The highlight of the evening was the Box Social with gratifying results. The Auctioneer was Joe Lineham and Mrs. Clara Lineham was hostess.

The Club Room was beautifully

Dates To Remember Sons Of Norway

Friday, March 22—General meeting and whist at Masonic Temple.

Saturday, March 30—Spring Carnival at Masonic Temple.

A team of 25 Swedish researchers led by Dr. Gunnar Fant at the Royal Inst. of Technology, Stockholm, has received a grant of \$85,000.00 from the U.S. National Inst. of Health for a research project concerning the acoustics of human speech. The grant will be used for the construction of equipment to present a visible picture of speech.

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Alberta's 38th provincial park, established by Order-In-Council last October, will provide limited recreation facilities for vacationers and visitors by the end of this summer.

Big Knife park comprises 567 acres in an area south of Forestburg and bordered by the Battle River. It is designed to provide a recreational area for the people of Alberta, and particularly the residents of the nearby towns of Forestburg, Heislerville, Alliance and Galahad.

While tourists are welcome to enjoy the facilities provided in Alberta's provincial parks, the parks are primarily designed for the residents of the province. There is a park within easy reach of almost every town in Alberta. The most northerly park is Lac Cardinal, about 28 miles south west of Peace River; and the most southern park is Writing-On-Stone which adjoins the Alberta-Montana border. Alberta's provincial parks vary in size from the four acre Ma-Me-O Beach Park, near Gull Lake, to the giant 78-square mile Cypress Hills Park which extends to the Saskatchewan border south of Medicine Hat.

Big Knife is the only provincial park to be established in the past two years.

A start was made last November on a mile of road into the site selected for the picnic area. It is hoped to have the road completed and the first of the amenities installed towards the latter part of this coming summer. Initial facilities for picnickers and visitors will consist of a well, stoves, table and supplies of firewood. The park's main recreation site has been planned for the area at the junction of Big Knife Creek from which the park gets its name—and the Battle River.

Alberta is fortunate in its parklands program. Due to early govern-

ment foresight, large tracts of land throughout the province were designated as parklands and today, although 38 provincial parks have already been established, as well as 16 historical sites, there still remain large areas that may be developed as provincial parklands.

Administration of Alberta's provincial parks was originally the responsibility of a board under the Department of Public Works and later that of the Department of Lands and Forests. In 1949 the Provincial Parks Board was established within the Department of Lands and Forests, and in March 16, 1959 the Provincial Parks Branch of the department was formed.

Alberta's provincial parks were visited by 1,500,000 tourists and holidaymakers last year, and the provincial parks branch expects that figure to be exceeded by nearly 250,000—depending on weather conditions—by the end of this summer.

Provided also for Albertans are the Wilderness Provincial Park, which adjoins Jasper National Park in the north and extends along the B.C. border, and two wilderness areas established under the Forest Reserves Act in 1961. The Wilderness Provincial Park, established under an act passed in 1959, covers an area of 2,149 square miles. The

Siffleur Wilderness, 159 square miles, is located 96 miles west of Olds, and the White Goat Wilderness, 489 square miles, is situated about 110 miles west of Red Deer. The Wilderness Provincial Park and the two wilderness areas, administered by the Department of Lands and Forests are designed to preserve as far as possible the natural scene. The areas are not subject to any development, except by special provision of Council, or provided with roads. They remain for Albertans and visitors to the province, vast areas in their natural condition.

"Shang Po-Lar," the world's northernmost restaurant, was recently opened in Spitsbergen at the Norwegian coal mining settlement Longyearbyen.

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SUNRAY HOLDS BASKET SOCIAL

The Junior Lodge Sons of Norway, held their Basket Social on Wednesday 13 of February. It was their first meeting of the year. Two new members joined the Lodge, sisters Wendy and Eileen Anderson. The next meeting will be held on March 13, be sure and come early and be on time. It would also be appreciated if dues were paid up promptly.

Ladies Meet

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Son of Norway, held their meeting at the home of Ruth Hammerstad on Feb. 1, with a good turnout in spite of the severe cold. Mrs. Hovde won the draw prize. Mrs. M. Holten has invited all ladies to her home on Friday, March 1, at 15705-108 Ave.

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GYM DISPLAY PLANNED FOR APRIL

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The first details of the Gymnastic Display, Banquet and Dance that will mark the end of another season of gymnastic training were worked out at a meeting recently between "Freja Handball Club" and "Dania" Gymnastic Club. These clubs sponsored a similar Banquet last year. The date is April 6th, 1963, beginning at 6 p.m. with a Gymnastic Display which will be absolutely free; at 6:30 p.m. the Banquet will begin. Ticket for this must be obtained in advance and can be had from the instructors or from the following people: For Freja Handball Club: Eva Jespersen, 10948 - 129 Ave. Ph. GL 5-3860 or Helge Nielsen, 10354 - 121, Ph. HU 8-9781. For the Danish Society: Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Ave., Ph. GE 9-0506, for "Dania" Gymnastic Club: Borge Noesgaard, 11143 - 63 Ave., Ph. 434-2840.

Price for Banquet and Dance \$3.00 per person. Children seated at a special children's table, 75c each. For those persons who wish to attend the dance only, the price is \$1.50 (\$1.00 for members and affiliated members). All of this will take place in the Old Timers' Cabin. We sincerely wish everybody a good time on April 6th.

Tickets Ready

Members of the Executive of the Icelandic Society have tickets for the March 16th Dance. These can be picked up now. Make up your party early. This is the Dance to attend. The place—Mocombo. The date March 16th. Good music, refreshments, lunch, novelty dances, prizes. All this for \$3.00 per couple. And if you are in doubt just give Bill Bachmann a call—GR 9-4614.

Pane-Ful Story

Two kids were rough-housing in the living room when the large one pushed his younger brother through the picture window. There was a crash as the kid landed outside shaken but unhurt. The mother rushed in to see what was wrong and the older brother said: "Mama, Eddie just went outside without his coat."

Handball Results

Team results of the Alberta Continental Handball Association League Tournament held Jan. 27, 1963 at Red Deer Memorial Centre were:

10:00 a.m. — Girls, Vikings B, vs Edmonton Freja B, score 5-0.
10:35 a.m. — Men A, Vikings A vs Red Deer A, score 23-17.
11:20 a.m. — Men B, Vikings B vs Edmonton Freja B, score 11-25.
12:05 p.m. — Girls, Viking A vs Edmonton Freja A, score 7-7.
12:40 p.m. — Girls, Vikings B, vs Red Deer A, score 0-5.
1:15 p.m. — Men, Edmonton Sreja A vs Red Deer (return game), score 38-17.
3:20 p.m. — Girls, Viking B vs Edmonton Freja A, score 0-5.
3:55 p.m. — Men A, Vikings A vs Edmonton Freja A, score 19-18.
5:15 p.m. — Girls, Viking A vs Red Deer A, score 12-6.
5:50 p.m. — Men A, Vikings A vs Penhold A, score 24-13.

Please note: For any questions re: schedules, games, referees, etc., please contact Hans U. Meseck, 1925-11 St. S.W. Calgary. Phone CH 4-9164.

A proposal to ban professional boxing in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, due to be considered at the next Nordic Council session, in Oslo, has been endorsed by the Norwegian Health Directorate.

TRAINING FUTURE
SKI CHAMPS

The Children's Ski Fund of the Norwegian Ski Association is in full swing with its annual ski schools for youngsters in many part of the country. Every year, starting early in January, more than 6,000 boys and girls receive free instruction in Norway's national winter sport.

In the capital city of Oslo, ski training began Jan. 7 with special courses in turning, track technique, and jumping for teenagers 10 years and up. Next week, on Jan. 21, ski schools for the 5-13 year age group will get under way. This year, some 500 would-be skiers are participating in the special courses, held at 17 different places about 3900 have enrolled in the basic children's ski schools. These are held at 22 places throughout Greater Oslo. There are altogether 50 instructors.

In a novel venture, the Children's Ski Fund is organizing Sunday courses, in which children can take part while parents are skiing on their own.

The Children's Ski Fund receives an annual subsidy from the Municipality of Oslo to finance the training courses. In addition, 18 sports clubs give valuable assistance by supplying volunteer.

Education on the higher level is showing the weaknesses of the present age of high finance.

High Scorer Elsie Gormsen

"BIKUBEN'S" Bowling Team are still going and doing pretty well. Highest score for January-February

was Elsie Gormsen with 188; Ellen Clausen's Team: Highest average—Elsie Gormsen 171 Agda Haas Team: Highest Average—Ester Lobner 134.

"Stockholms"
Hold Top Spot

Vasa Bowling standings as of Feb. 8, 1963 find Eric Pierre's "Stockholm" team in top place with Leonard Eliasson's "Smorgasbords" running a close second.

The annual bowling banquet will be held on May 3rd at the Padlock. Any persons wishing to attend please contact Shirley Pearson, GL 5-1294.

Northern Lights Lead

Arne Gulbrandsen's Northern Lights are leading the second half of Sons of Norway Bowling League after 15 games.

Ladies' high single, Betty McKevitt, 329.

Ladies' high triple, Irene Lagergren, 736.

Men's high single, Arne Gulbrandsen, 311.

Men's high triple, Norman Nilsen, 718.

Ladies' high average, Betty McKevitt, 205.

Men's high average, Arne Gulbrandsen, 190.

NORDIC COUNCIL
MEETS IN OSLO

The 11th session of the consultative Nordic Council, comprising Parliamentarians and Government Members from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden opened in Oslo on Feb. 16. The meeting is expected to last a scant week. Including Government experts, clerical assistants, newspaper, radio and TV reporters, some 200 persons will be engaged in the Council session.

The most important topic of discussion will be the European market situation created by the French veto of Great Britain's application for membership in EEC. Other points on the agenda will deal with Nordic cooperation in such fields as higher education, scientific research, assistance to the developing countries, and joint projects in the Arctic regions of Norway, Sweden and Finland. Member proposals range from prohibition against professional boxing to cooperation on cultural information in non-Nordic countries. Also on the agenda are 10 reports and 96 communications.

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So are bookkeeping and victualling. Each week, the men work and eat three days on one farm, then three days on another. That week, the housewife on the third farm is free to tend to her own chores.

An igloo was built recently in a park at the center of Stockholm, opposite the Royal Palace, and three men moved in for the night. The campers represented a ski association, and wanted to show Stockholm-ers how one can live comfortably eskimo-style. "A wonderful night," one of them said, "but the traffic noise bothered us somewhat."

The Nordic Council's prize in literature for 1963, worth Kr. 50,000, has been awarded to the Finnish novelist Vaino Linna.

CLUB
BULLETIN BOARD

Not a single Norwegian ship is included in U.S. Maritime Administration's list of free world vessels which called at Cuban ports last January. On Oct. 1, 1962, the Norwegian Shipowners Association urged all its members to stay out of Cuba.

FINNISH SOCIETY
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